



Dear Friends,

As 2022 draws to a close, I want to share my gratitude for the opportunity to serve our communities in Congress as the Representative for New Mexico's First Congressional District. I grew up in the North Valley and Westside of Albuquerque in a working family, and believe deeply in New Mexico, our people, and the ability to bring meaningful change. Every day, I am honored and humbled by the opportunity to serve our communities in Congress and do this work.

This year was a year filled with hope and promise. We passed landmark legislation in Congress including the most significant veterans', economic development, health care, and climate legislation in generations. We passed bills to grow New Mexico's economy and improve education. We delivered billions of dollars for community grants, infrastructure, and projects to tackle hunger, homelessness, behavioral health and safety, and protect our lands and waters. And, we listened to and helped thousands of New Mexicans who are struggling and sought to share their hopes and dreams for the future.

Throughout 2022, we have worked hard for our communities and won historic victories for our state. As I took my oath of office, I promised to advocate for our communities, to protect our sacred lands and waters, to defend our constitution and fundamental rights, and to fulfill our promises to New Mexicans. This promise has guided our office every day in our work on behalf of New Mexico and the fight to build a more just, equitable, and sustainable future.

Here's just some of what we've accomplished this year.



*I joined the Town of Edgewood to honor the sacrifices of our fallen service members on Memorial Day.*



*I invited Education Secretary Cardona to Atrisco Heritage Academy so he could hear directly from our students on the importance of community schools.*



*We celebrated Indigenous People's Day with the Pueblo Cultural Center and every day through our work with our Pueblo and Tribal Nations.*

**\$1  
BILLION**

in federal grant  
funding

**\$18  
MILLION**

for FY2023 projects  
in New Mexico

**445+**

bills co-sponsored

**\$84.5  
MILLION**

for N.M. water  
infrastructure



## LEGISLATING FOR NEW MEXICO

- I co-sponsored over **445 bills** to act on New Mexico's priorities, from caring for our veterans, to improving healthcare and economic opportunity, to defending our democracy. I also introduced **9 signature bills** for New Mexico to help grow our economy, improve education, and protect our lands and waters.
- This Congress, we passed the **Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, CHIPS and Science Act, and Inflation Reduction Act** which together make the largest investment in innovation, economic development, health care, and infrastructure in generations.
- The Inflation Reduction Act will lower health care and prescription drug costs and **expand health care coverage to over 10,000 New Mexicans**. And, it will make the largest investment in climate action ever in American history—creating thousands of clean energy jobs.
- Together with Senators Heinrich and Luján and Congresswoman Leger Fernández, we passed the **Early Education Enhancement Act** to support New Mexico's historic investments in early childhood education. And, I secured **\$90 million** to rebuild the To'Hajiilee Community School.
- My first bill—the **Partnerships for Energy Security and Innovation Act**—signed into law by President Biden as part of the CHIPS and Science Act—will help to grow New Mexico's STEM economy, support our Labs, universities and colleges, and foster research and innovation in our communities.
- I also fought alongside our Caucus to address the biggest issues of the day including as a cosponsor of the Women's Health Protection Act to protect reproductive rights, the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act. The work and fight continues in 2023!

# 104,000

responses to  
constituent letters  
and inquiries

# 9

bills introduced in  
the House of  
Representatives

# \$3.95 BILLION

for New Mexico  
wildfire relief

# 700+

community events,  
roundtables, and  
listening sessions



## DELIVERING FOR NEW MEXICO

- We helped steer over **\$1 billion** in federal grant funding to the First Congressional District to build critical infrastructure, invest in lower health care costs, stimulate economic development, and so much more.
- We secured a total of over **\$28 million** for Community Funded Projects to address some of our greatest challenges facing communities across New Mexico, including public safety, housing, hunger, behavioral health, and economic development.
- We got **\$84.5 million** for water infrastructure projects in the Water Resources Development Act, including for conservation, drinking water, and flooding and increases funding for the Tribal Partnership Program.
- We secured **\$3.95 billion** to support New Mexicans impacted by this year's devastating Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon Fires alongside New Mexico's Congressional Delegation.
- We passed the biggest expansion in veterans benefits in generations, with the Honoring Our PACT Act, expected to extend coverage to nearly **3.5 million** veterans nationwide.



*I joined our local Mayors and community leaders to tour projects that will benefit from the millions headed to New Mexico from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.*



*I convened New Mexico water managers and leaders to advance my comprehensive slate of water legislation to transform water management and support resilience on the Rio Grande.*

# 515

constituents helped with  
tax returns, passport  
cases, visas, & more!

# \$1.2 MILLION

returned to  
constituents from the  
federal government

# 7

bills passed by the  
House of  
Representatives

# \$10 MILLION

for FY2022 projects  
in New Mexico



## LISTENING TO NEW MEXICANS

- We've criss-crossed our District, convening, attending, and leading nearly **700** roundtables, listening sessions, and community events and meeting with constituents, community groups, and local, state, and Tribal leaders. We heard from you about your hopes, dreams, and priorities.
- Our office responded to **over 104,000** constituent letters and inquiries on our work in D.C. and in the community.
- Our Constituent Services team assisted **over 515** New Mexicans with accessing their Social Security and veterans benefits, obtaining passports, getting their tax returns, and resolving issues with other federal agencies.
- Our team also returned **\$1.2 million** to constituents from the federal government through casework, connecting New Mexicans with their earned benefits and tax returns.

As we look forward to 2023 and the new year, our office is still hard at work as we continue to serve our communities. New Mexicans are resilient – our grit, determination, and heart drives us to lead, innovate, and care for one another every day. My priorities in 2023 remain rooted in New Mexico, our values, and the priorities of our communities. Our office is here to help if you need anything at all. We would love to hear from you about your priorities for New Mexico and Congress in the New Year. You can call my office at (505) 346-6781 or contact me through our webpage anytime at [Stansbury.House.Gov](https://Stansbury.House.Gov).

Warm regards,

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U.S. Representative (NM-01)